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Collinsville Agent Arrested in Florida for Exploitation of Oklahoma Elderly

WAGONER COUNTY– Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner John D. Doak, Wagoner County District Attorney Brian Kuester and Wagoner County Sherriff Bob Colbert announced the apprehension of Marshall Virden by the U.S. Marshall's Fugitive Apprehension Task Force in Pinellas County Florida.

“We do not yet know the full scope of this criminal’s activity in Oklahoma and we are asking the media to help us find others who might have had contact or similar dealing with Marshall Virden,” said Doak.

A press conference is scheduled for 3:00 pm at the Wagoner County Courthouse on March 28, 2012 to discuss the details of Virden’s apprehension and forthcoming extradition back to Oklahoma.

Please contact the Oklahoma Insurance Department’s Anti-Fraud Unit at 405-521-6614 if you believe you have been victimized.

Virden, charged with exploitation of the elderly, allegedly convinced elderly victims to cash in their retirements for the purchase of gold certificates. OID’s Anti-Fraud Agents found during their investigation that no gold was actually bought for the victims; but that Virden had instead embezzled the victim’s money. OID investigators brought their findings to Brian Kuester, the Wagoner County District Attorney, where charges were filed and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Through an anonymous tip, the U.S Marshall’s were able to find Virden and arrest him earlier this morning in Pinellas County Florida.

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